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SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR MEDIATION OF ZAIRE-ANGOLA DISPUTE

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1. I BRIEFED FOREIGN MINISTER DENNIS MARCH 25 CONCERNING U.S. VIEWS TOWARD THE KATANGAN IVASION OF ZAIRE FROM ANGOLA (DRAWING ON REFTEL A) AND EMPHASIZED OUR BELIEF THAT THIS WAS A PROBLEM BEST RESOLVED BY AFRICANS WITHOUT OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE. I SUGGESTED THAT LIBERIA, AS AN ELDER AMONG AFRICAN STATES, COULD CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO A RESOLUTION OF THE CONFLICT THROUGH SUPPORT OF

THOSE OFFERS OF MEDIATION NEW BEING OFFERED BY AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS. IN THIS CONTEXT, WE DISCUSSED SPECIFICALLY THE NIGERIAN OFFER TO MEDIATE.

2M DENNIS APPEARED RECEPTIVE AND RECALLED THAT PRESIDENT TOLBERT HAD ALREADY MADE CLEAR HIS SYMPATHY FOR ZAIRE IN A PUBLIC STATEMENT MARCH 16 (REFTEL B). THE FOREIGN MINISTER NOTED ALSO THAT HE WAS EXPECTING MOMENTARILY THE ARRIVAL OF A SPECIAL EMISSARY BEARING A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM MOBUTO TO PRESIDENT TOLBERT.

3. IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES FROM DENNIS, I SUPPLIED WHAT
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BACKGROUND MATERIAL WE HAVE ON THE SITUATION IN ZAIRE AND ON THE PROVISION OF SUPPLIES TO ZAIRE BY THE U.S., FRENCH AND BELGIANS. DENNIS FOUND IT CURIOUS THAT MOBUTO HAD MERELY ASKED THE UN TO "TAKE NOTE" OF THE SITUATION AND HAD NOT GONE TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL WITH A FORMAL COMPLAINT. DENNIS ASKED THAT WE KEEP HIM INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS IN ZAIRE AND I ASSURED HIM THAT WE WOULD.

4. LATER IN DAY DENNIS TELEPHONE ME TO SAY TOLBERT FOUND USG
SUGGESTION VERY CONSTRUCTIVE AND THAT HE WOULD BE SENDING
MESSAGES TO AFRICAN COLLEAGUES BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS. HE PROMISED
TO PROVIDE US COPIES OF MESSAGE AND WE WILL CABLE TEXTS AS
SOON AS AVAILABLE.
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